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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2005.

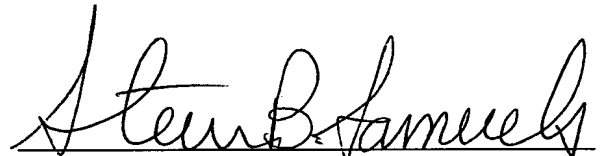
Claims 46-64 were pending. Claims 46-60 have been canceled herein without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue those claims in a continuation application. Claims 61-64 remain pending in this application.

Applicants have complied with the Examiner's request concerning the Replacement Sheets and Annotated Marked-Up Drawings.

Because claims 46-60 have been canceled, the rejection of those claims is now moot.

Claims 61-64 are indicated in the Office Action as being allowed. Because claims 61-64 are the only claims remaining in the application, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

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Amendments to the Drawings

As requested by the Examiner, attached are two Replacement Sheets of drawings containing amendments to Figs. 14 and 32, respectively. Also attached are two New Sheets of drawings containing new Fig. 1b and new Figs. 34 and 35, respectively. The amendments to Figs. 14 and 32 and the new Figs. 1b, 34 and 35 have been approved by the Examiner.

Figure 1b has been added to show side-by-side “I-beam” modules, as requested by the Examiner. Figures 34 and 35 have also been added at the request of the Examiner to better illustrate the “I-beam” geometry of the connectors of Figures 14 and 32.

With respect to the amended Figs. 14 and 32, as further requested by the Examiner, annotated marked-up copies of Figs. 14 and 32 are provided on the next two pages of this response. Fig. 14 has been amended by adding the cross-section line XXXIV – XXXIV and by adding reference numeral 352 to more clearly indicate the signal contact in the receptacle. Fig. 32 has been amended by adding the cross-section line XXXV – XXXV and by adding new reference number 500 to more clearly indicate the signal contact in the receptacle. The amendments to each figure have been highlighted in yellow on the annotated marked-up copies.

ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWING

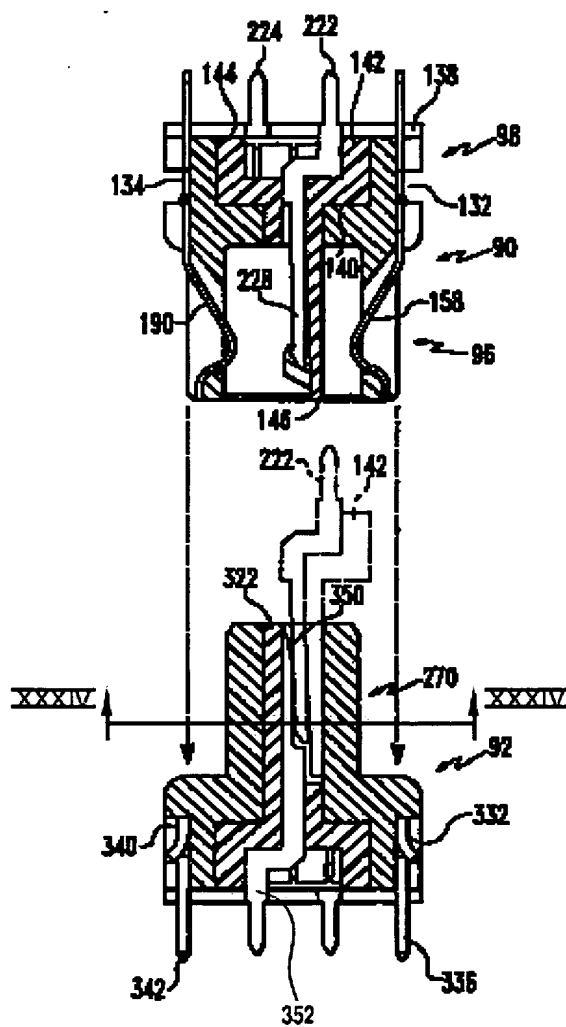


FIG. 14

ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWING

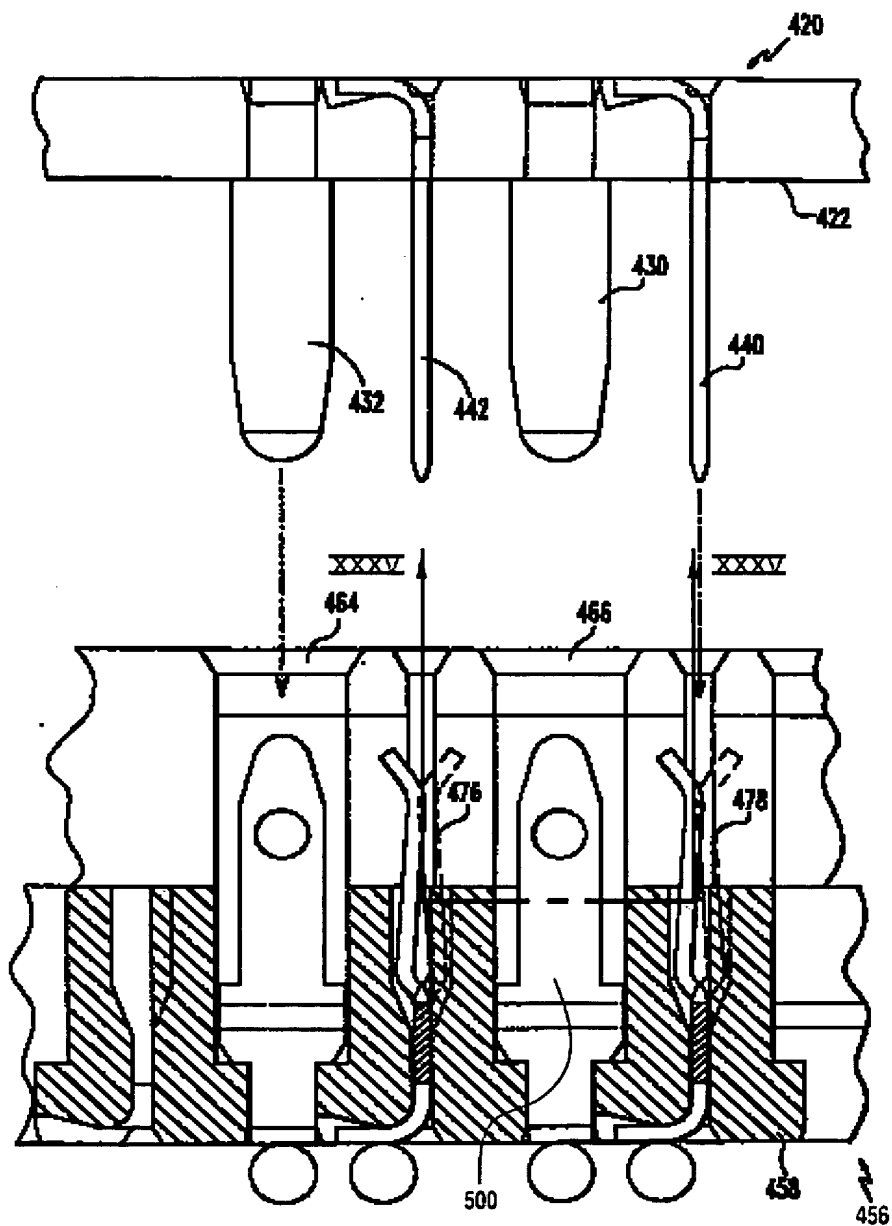


FIG. 32